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J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,

Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread
delivered in all parts of the district.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JOHN MARSH,

Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.



CROMWELL VETERINARY

SHOEING FORGE.

Next door to Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,

AND MACHINIST.

L. begs to inform the public of Cromwell

that he has purchased the business of Mr Thomp-

son and trusts by strict attention to business,

the execution of all work placed in his hands

in a first-class and workmanlike manner, to

be a continuance of the support accorded his

Cromwell Advertisements

CROMWELL HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

ROBERT KIDD, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentle-
men will find this the most convenient house to
put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent
bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and at-
tached to the establishment is a magnificent Bil-
liard Saloon, and the largest hall for Concerts,
Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dun-
edin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

CROMWELL.

M R M A N D E R S,
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT.

Registered to practise in the Warden's Courts
for the Dunstan Goldfields.

Agent for the Northern Fire and Life Insurance
Company (capital Two Millions).

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BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial
made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which atten-
tion is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

DAGG'S

CLUTHA HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

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From the DEEP CREEK KILNS.

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CROMWELL.

Cromwell Advertisements

For Sale,

A SHARE in a Valuable WATER-RACE at
KAWARAU GORGE. For Particulars,
apply to the undersigned.

R. F. BADGER,
Mining and Estate Agent,
Cromwell.

V. R.
NOTICE.

COURTS will be held in the CROM-
WELL DISTRICT as follows :—

APRIL 27.
WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 23.
JUNE 8, 22.

VINCENT PYKE, R.M.,

Warden.

Cromwell, April 5, 1870.

Smithfield Butchery Company.



OWEN PIERCE (late of St Bathans)

having purchased from Mr W. J. BARRY
the Butchery Business lately carried on by him
in Cromwell, begs to intimate that he is in a
position to supply the best description of meat
at moderate prices.

O. P. hopes by strict attention to business,
and keeping meat of the very best quality, to
obtain a share of public support.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL.

W I L L I A M B A R N E S,
BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,

(Late of Addlestone, Surrey),

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROM-
WELL and the surrounding Districts that he is
now carrying on the above business near the
Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to
business, coupled with moderate charges, to
secure a share of the work of the district.

S H A M R O C K S T O R E,

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION

MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of

WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district.
free of charge.

Rocky Point Ferry.

G E O R G E M L A C H L A N begs to inti-
mate that he has purchased from Mr John
McCormick, together with the Rocky Point
FERRY HOTEL, the large and well-furnished
PUNT recently placed on the Clutha at the
above crossing-place.

This Punt is admitted to be one of the finest
in the Province, and easily crosses the heaviest
six and eight-horse waggons. Forty tons can be
taken on the punt at once, and crossed with ease.

This being the nearest road to Bendigo, parties
visiting the Reefs will find it to their advantage
to cross at this punt. Vehicles of all descrip-
tions ferried at moderate rates.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

GENERAL IMPORTERS,

Cromwell
Queenstown

Arrowtown
Melbourne.

WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants of Cromwell
and surrounding districts to our

LARGE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK,

Which is specially suitable to supply their wants. Each Department will be found
complete, and assorted with every requirement.

Drapery. The attention of Ladies is respect-
fully directed to this Department.
It will be found replete with all the latest novel-
ties from the Melbourne markets, (carefully
selected by our Mr Hallenstein), comprising :—
Dresses, in silks, fancy and black; alpacas,
challies, midairs, winceys, muslins, prints,
coburgs
Shawls, all-wool plaids, French merinos, skirt-
ings, jackets, &c.
Hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, laces, trim-
mings of all kinds
Ladies and Children's Underclothing. Our
stock will be found the largest and best-
assorted on the Gold-fields
Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and un-
trimmed
Feathers, flowers, corsets, chignons, &c.
A large assortment of white and coloured
fannels, serge and cricketing; calicoes and
sheetings; and every other article required
in the trade.

Slop Department. Men's Suits, Paget and
sac; boys' ditto, Leo-
pold, Stanley, sac, and knickerbocker
Trousers and vests, all kinds
Trowsers, in silk mixture, doeskin, tweed,
cotton, Bedford cord, and moleskin
Shirts—white dress, regatta, Crimean, serge,
Scotch twill, tweed, and jean
Pants and under-shirts, in flannel, lambswool,
serge, merino, and cotton
Men's and boys' Hosiery, of all kinds
Hats—straw, merino, tweed, silk-stitched,
felt, and plush, in all the latest shapes
Waterproof coats, overalls, leggings, and sou'-
westers
Monkey jackets and pilot coats
All the above Goods are to our special order.

Boots and Shoes. A splendid assortment,
consisting of :—
Ladies', girls', and children's boots, in kid,
cashmere, morocco, and leather
Slippers—canvas, patent leather (plain and
fur-trimmed), sheepskin, and carpet
Men's and boys' boots—elastic side, Balmoral,
Blücher, Wellington, half Wellington, and
riding boots
Colonial water-tights, made to our order in
Melbourne
Gun boots—Hayward's North British and
Liverpool; Hardy's nuggets.

Carpets. In tapestry, felt, all-wool kiddy-
minster, drugget; hearth-rugs.

Matting. China and coir; oilcloth, door-mats.

ALL ORDERS WILL RECEIVE OUR PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION.

KAWARAU HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel
in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM;

With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow
every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9
a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and
Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Carlotta and
Albertown every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of
Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every
care will be bestowed upon horses. An experi-
enced groom in attendance.

CROMWELL.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,

(Wholesale and Retail),

JAMES DAWKINS, PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams,
Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout
the district.

[A CARD.]

R. F. BADGER,
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL;

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.



New Line of

ROYAL MAIL COACHES

BETWEEN

Queenstown and Clyde.

R. W. DANIEL begs to intimate that he
has started his new line of Coaches be-
tween Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown, leaving
Clyde on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,
and Queenstown on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and
Saturdays.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the in-
habitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra,
and Clyde districts that we have appointed
I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

CROMWELL,

as our only Agents for the sale of our Silks-
dressed FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our
name and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,

Brunswick Flour Mills,

Lake Wakatipu.

VULCAN HOTEL, ST. BATHANS,

SAMUEL HANGER, Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation for Travellers.

Always on hand—Wines, Spirits, and Ales of
the best quality.

BILLIARD TABLE.—GOOD STABLING.

BLACKSMITH'S SHOP adjoining. Horses
shod on the shortest notice.

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Advertisers in the CROMWELL ARGUS will have their names and addresses inserted in this column free of charge.

CROMWELL.

Badger, R. F., Agent, Melmore street
Barnes, W., Blacksmith and Farrier, do.
Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown Coach.
R. W. Daniels.
Corse, Dr James, Surgeon, do.
Dawkins, James, Free Trade Butchery, do.
Dagg, R. E., Clutha Hotel, do.
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Clothier, do.
Lindsay, E., Blacksmith, Melmore-street
Scott, J., Baker do.
Marsh, John, Bridge Hotel, do.
Kidd, Robert, Cromwell Hotel, do.
Manders, H., Agent, do.
Whetter, W. H., Bootmaker, do.
Pierce, O., Smithfield Butchery, Melmore-st.
Shanty, W. & Co., General Merchants, do.
Smitham, William, Kawarau Hotel, do.
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Merchants, do.
Matthews & Fenwick, General Printers, do.
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Drapers and Clothiers

CLYDE.

Barlow, R., Watchmaker and Jeweller
Brough, Anthony, Barrister and Solicitor
Fitch, Allen, Draper and Outfitter
Marshall, M., Chemist and Druggist
Cox, John, Port Philip Hotel
Hazlett, James, General Merchant

ALEXANDRA.

Jack, Alexander, Criterion Hotel
Mason, J. H., Royal Mail Hotel,

BENDIGO GULLY & ROAD.

Deare, J., Reefers' Arms Hotel and Store
Mitchinson and Harrison, Storekeepers
McPherson, H., Wakefield Ferry and Hotel,
Rocky Point
McLachlan, G., Rocky Point Ferry & Hotel
Perriam, John, Welcome Home Hotel and
Store, Lowburn.
Smith and O'Donnell, Old Bendigo Hotel
and Stores

KAWARAU GORGE.

Campion, Nicholas, Diggers' Rest Hotel
Heron, Thomas, White Hart Hotel
Wrightson, John, Sluicers' Arms Hotel.

BANNOCKBURN.

Halliday, J., Shepherd's Creek Hotel & Store
Nicholas, J., Gladstone Coal Works
Richards, J., Bannockburn Hotel and Store
Stuart, James, Ferry Hotel.

NEVIS.

Carnaby, George, British Stores
Korll, C., Nevis Crossing Hotel and Store
Thompson, Edward, Northumberland Arms
Hotel and Store.

QUEENSTOWN.

Boyne, Robert, Storekeeper and News Agent
Dohey, P., Union Hotel
Eichardt, A., Queen's Arms Hotel
McLarn, W., Prince of Wales Hotel
Robertson & Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour
Mills
Smith, P., Watchmaker and Jeweller,

ARROWTOWN.

Butler's Accommodation Paddock
Pritchard, R., General Merchant,

WANAKA.

Hedditoh & Russell, Wanaka Hotel, Pem-
broke

DUNEDIN.

Baird, William, Bookseller and Stationer
Beaver, A., Watchmaker and Jeweller
Brathwaite, Joseph, News-agent, Fleet-street
Beissel, F., Hairdresser and Perfumer
Chaplin, John, & Co., Coach Proprietors
Dickson, T., Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer
Hay, David R., Tailor and Outfitter
Bishop, John, Watchmaker and Jeweller
Hutton, J. D., Australasian Hotel
Kincaid, McQueen and Co., Vulcan Foundry
London Pianoforte and Music Saloon
Lyons, E., Union Hotel, Stafford-street
Matthews, George, Nurseryman, Seedsman,
and Seed-grower
McGuire's Imperial Hotel, Princes-street
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Sinclair, W., Tailor and Clothier
Skirving and Schofield, Advertising and
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Tosfield, Frederick, Watchmaker & Jeweller
Thompson, W., Red Lion Hotel
Wilson, W., Engineer, Boilermaker, &c.
Winstanley, Thomas, Scandinavian Hotel
Wheeler, R. T., Advertising and General
Commission Agent
York Hotel: Alex. Mac,

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Ayling, R., Cold Creek Hotel (half-way
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Hanger, S., Vulcan Hotel, St. Bathans
Maidman, H., Albion Hotel and Store,
Luggate
Mackenzie, Hugh, Junction Hotel, between
Tunapah and Tiroi

Lowburn, Bendigo Gully, &c.

WELCOME HOME HOTEL
AND STORE,

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About three miles from Cromwell, on the road
to the Bendigo Reefs.

JOHN PERRIAM . . . PROPRIETOR.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

WAKEFIELD FERRY HOTEL,

ROCKY POINT,

On the main road to Bendigo.

The best quality of Wines, Spirits, and Beers
kept in stock.

A Five-stalled Stable.

Good accommodation for travellers.

* District Post Office.*

THE WAKEFIELD FERRY

Is the best and safest crossing-place on the
Clutha River, and is on the direct road to the
Bendigo Reefs.

The Punt and Boats are worked by careful
and experienced boatmen, and the heaviest
waggons can be crossed at any time with perfect
safety.

HUGH McPHERSON,

Proprietor.

MITCHINSON & HARRISON,

Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-
CHANTS,

(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),

BENDIGO.

GOODS DELIVERED

At all parts of the Reefs.

REEFERS' ARMS HOTEL,

Logantown.

JAMES BEARE PROPRIETOR.

The above house is the largest and most com-
fortable in the district.

GOOD STABLING.

GENERAL STORE attached to the Hotel,
with a large and varied stock of Groceries and
other goods.

CROMWELL PRICES.

BENDIGO GULLY REEFS.

OLD BENDIGO HOTEL

AND

STORES.

SMITH & O'DONNELL.

* Miners and Travellers can have first-class
accommodation, and may obtain every informa-
tion respecting the locality.

Good Stabling; Horse-feed always on hand.

New Stone Premises are now being erected.

HAWEA SAW-MILLS.

The undersigned can supply SAWN TIMBER
in any quantity.

Orders addressed to Albert Town will be
punctually attended to, and forwarded to Ben-
digo Gully for 26s per 100 feet.

BOARDS and SCANTLING at 16s. per 100 feet
super., at the foot of the Lake (GLADSTONE),
whence they can be conveyed by dray to Ben-
digo Gully or elsewhere.

J. D. ROSS,

Hawea Saw-mills.

ALBION HOTEL AND STORE

LUGGATE,

(28 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to
Lake Wanaka).

H. MAIDMAN Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accom-
modation for the comfort and convenience of
travellers.

Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery,
Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at
Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLING.

N.B.—District Post Office.

ROBERT BOYNE,

GENERAL STOREKEEPER

AND NEWS AGENT,

Queenstown, Lake Wakatip.

A large stock of Groceries and other goods
always on hand. Importer of English and Colo-
nial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended
to, and newspapers forwarded to any part of the
district.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

Queenstown

DOHEY'S UNION HOTEL

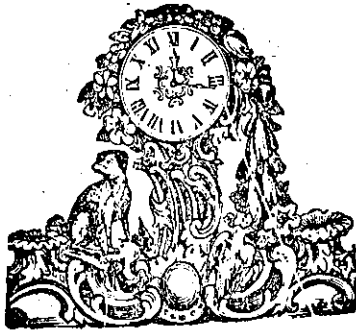
CORNER OF

BALLARAT & REES STREETS,

QUEENSTOWN.

The above is one of the oldest-established
houses in Queenstown, and is celebrated for the
superior quality of the Wines, Spirits, &c., kept
in stock.

GOOD STABLING.



P. SMITH,

PRACTICAL WATCH & CLOCK MAKER,

BEACH-STREET, QUEENSTOWN.

Repairs Neatly Executed.

PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,

(Corner of Beach and Rees streets),

QUEENSTOWN.

W. McLARN PROPRIETOR.

The above Hotel continues to keep up its repu-
tation as one of the most comfortable in the
Wakatip district. The best accommodation for
visitors and boarders.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

The only paddock accommodation in the district.

The Pioneer of Sixpenny Drinks.

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Private Rooms for Families.

SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

A large and commodious STABLE, capable
of accommodating twenty horses, has recently
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who have visited the district as second to none
in Dunedin. An experienced groom in attendance.

Booking Office for Cobb & Co.'s line of Coaches.

Nevis

NEVIS CROSSING STORE

(About five miles from the Nevis Township).

The undersigned, in returning thanks for the
liberal patronage bestowed on him since com-
mencing business, begs to intimate that he con-
tinues to keep a large and well-selected stock of
SPIRITS, WINES, and GROCERIES of the very
best description.

Goods regularly delivered throughout the sur-
rounding district.

CHARLES KORLL.

BRITISH STORES

Nevis.

EDWARD THOMPSON,

NORTHUMBERLAND ARMS HOTEL

AND STORE,

NEVIS.

A large and well-selected stock of GROCERIE
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Goods delivered throughout the surrounding
district on the shortest notice.

* A commodious BILLIARD Room is now in
course of erection, and will shortly be furnished
with one of Alcock & Co.'s full-sized BILLIARD
Tables.

The best accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling.

Arrowtown

R. PRITCHARD,

Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT.

ARROWTOWN.

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines,
Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district.
A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes,
Drapery, &c.

Agent for T. ROBINSON & Co., Agricultural
Implement Manufacturers, Dunedin & Melbourne.

ARROWTOWN.

BUTLER'S ACCOMMODATION PADDOCK,
One Shilling per Night.

GOOD STABLING.

Clyde

MR ANTHONY BROUGH,

BARRISTER,

SOLICITOR, & CONVEYANCER.

OFFICE, CLYDE.

MEDICAL HALL, CLYDE,

M. MARSHALL,

CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

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Prescriptions carefully prepared.

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Newspapers and Magazines.

Libraries and Magazine Clubs supplied at a
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PORT PHILIP HOTEL,

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JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known hotel possesses every accom-
modation for the comfort and convenience of
Travellers and Boarders, and the Proprietor begs
to assure the public that no effort will be spared
on his part to maintain the favourable reputa-
tion the house has already acquired.

A range of STABLING is in course of erec-
tion, which, when completed, will be second to
none out of Dunedin; and travellers may rely
upon every care being taken of horses baited at
the Port Philip Stables.

JAMES HAZLETT,

WHOLESALE STOREKEEPER,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT,

SUNDERLAND-STREET,

CLYDE.

The largest and best-selected Stock of

WINES,

SPIRITS,

GROCERIES.

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Packers Supplied at Lowest Rates.

* Agent for Marshall & Copeland's BEER, in
Bulk and Bottle.

To the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District.

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AND

MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,

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Has now on hand a choice and varied assort-
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choice selection of English & Colonial JEWEL-
LERY, consisting of

Gold Scarf Pins

Locketts

Chains

Brooches

Earrings

Guards

Wedding, Signet, Gem, and Keeper Rings, Seals,
Keys, and Chains in endless variety, of the new-
est designs.

ALSO,

Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant
assortment of FANCY GOODS, too numerous
to particularize, very suitable for CHRISTMAS
PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Watches and Clocks carefully cleaned & repaired.

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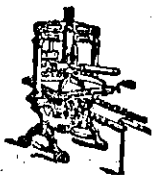
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Booksellers and Stationers,

DUNEDIN.

For List of Books, see Witness.



CROMWELL ARGUS

NEWSPAPER AND GENERAL

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and the Northern Gold-Fields that they are
prepared to execute, with punctuality and
dispatch, orders for every description of

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In the best style of the art, and at very
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ETC. ETC. ETC.

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MATTHEWS & FENWICK

Proprietor

Home Extracts.

A New York journal says that fifteen escaped Fenian convicts from Australia, have landed at San Francisco. On their subsequent arrival in Ireland, they were most enthusiastically received at Dublin, Cork, and elsewhere.

Agrarian outrages still continue in Ireland, but not to the same extent as a short ago. The second trial of Barrett, for attempted murder of Captain Lambert, resulted, as before, in the jury being unable to agree. On the present occasion, however, it is said that ten of the jurors were for a conviction.

The new Irish Land Bill is by no means satisfactory.

An awful explosion of gunpowder occurred on February 14, at the Morfa collieries, near Neath, in Wales. Twenty-three deaths are reported. Another explosion occurred in the colliery, by which several men who were searching for the bodies of those who were killed in the previous explosion were themselves killed or injured.

A disastrous railway collision took place near Glasgow on February 12. It appears that two men and a pilot engine were employed at the Glasgow station in shunting waggons, when the driver went to his supper, leaving the stoker, Robert Hay, to continue the work. The latter, it is believed, accidentally fell off the engine, and, in catching at the bars, put on the full steam. The engine set off at a great speed, when Hay was caught by the wheels. Along the line torn portions of his clothing were picked up; half-a-mile on his entrails were found, and the mangled body two miles from Glasgow. In the meantime the engine pursued its way with accelerated speed till it met the London express, travelling at the slow rate of fifteen miles an hour. The shock was terrific; the engines were completely wrecked, and the three first passenger carriages shivered to splinters. A Yorkshire gentleman was killed on the spot, and other persons had broken bones and shocking bruises. Fortunately there were not more than a dozen passengers in the train.

A strange robbery was perpetrated in Dublin on the night of February 7. The bags which contain the books, briefs, and other papers of the members of the bar are usually taken by a messenger from the Four Courts in the evening in sacks to the respective residences of the owners. The messenger who performs this duty for the district between Stephen Green and Fitzwilliam Square was on the night in question robbed of a sack containing five bags.

On Feb. 15 Captain Gunn, with a party of constabulary, entered the house of Tim Mahony, a blacksmith, in Dyces-lane, Cork. They arrested Mahony's son Denis with a revolver on his person, and found concealed in the house an American rifle, twenty-six rebel pipe-heads, 120 rounds of Minié ammunition, and a vast quantity of powder and gun caps. On removing the prisoner, resistance was threatened by the crowd, but the police force was overpowering.

A correspondent of one of the Scotch papers, writing in reference to the Kildonan gold-fields, says:—It is now that the richness of these gold-fields is coming out. I saw a man the other day who for the last five months has never earned less than 15s per day.

A horrible murder was recently committed in Paris, and the following is the assassin's own account, which he gave with great coolness:—"I went into the kitchen and got a large carving-knife. Having lit the lamp, I proceeded to the drawing room, where I found Madame Lombard working at some tapestry. 'Are you satisfied with me?' asked I. 'Do you think I have been drinking your wine?' My mistress replied gently, 'Come, come, François, what are you talking about! Go and lie down a little—that's all you want.' I then rushed on her, and after a desperate fight succeeded in cutting her throat." When asked the motive of his crime the murderer replied:—"My mistress said I had stolen a bottle of wine, and that I was drunk. I could not let such a thing be said about me, and therefore I cut her throat. As for the cook, she leagued with my mistress to say I was a thief, and she also deserved death." Hopes are entertained that the wounded servants may recover, although their injuries are terrible. The unfortunate gentleman, M. Lombard, already trembling on the verge of the grave, was so much affected by the fearful scene that his death was hourly expected. The perpetrator of these horrors is said to have been subject to occasional attacks of insanity, and to have been confined in an asylum in Belgium. A French paper says that M. Lombard, the husband of Madame Lombard who was murdered by her servant Lathanvers, is a curious instance of the beneficial effect of a violent shock to the nervous system in cases of paralysis. M. Lombard had been paralysed for ten years, and incapable of moving or uttering a single word. The horrible scene of which he was the dumb and motionless witness seems to have worked a complete alteration in his condition. He has begun to speak within the last few days, and two days ago he received a visit from an old friend, to whom he held out his hand (which he could not move a month ago), and also addressed a few words.—*European Mail*.

General Beauregard, the celebrated Confederate general, is now in Marseilles. He has been for some time past the director of a railroad in Louisiana. His visit to Europe is in connection with a scheme, of which he is an ardent promoter, for the construction of a Southern Pacific railroad, starting from Charleston, in South Carolina, and traversing the Southern States to Sacramento in California.

Mr Barry Sullivan has accepted an engagement at Liverpool. It is reported he has received from a noble lady a cheque for the munificent sum of £10,000, to cover his losses at the Holborn Theatre.

Mr Dion Boucicault has been offered £20,000 for a series of 250 farewell performances in the United States. The same lucky individual has received upwards of £3000 for assisting Mr Jefferson to adapt *Rip Van Winkle*, which piece, by the way, will shortly be reproduced in London.

The Government have decided to prosecute the father of the Welsh Fasting Girl at the forthcoming Carmarthenshire Assizes; and Mr Giffard, Q.C., has received an intimation from the Attorney-General that he will be required to conduct the prosecution on behalf of the Crown.

A daring robbery was effected at the residence of Sir R. Napier, 11 Cromwell Houses, South Kensington, on February 14. A quantity of ladies' jewellery, valued at £3000, was stolen from a dressing-room on the second floor. Three men were seen escaping from the house, one of whom dropped close to the feet of a gentleman who had been dining with Sir R. Napier, and had gone out on hearing the alarm. The house was entered by climbing up a portico, and getting through a drawing-room window.

On one occasion the late Viceroy of Egypt was made to pay £70,000 (or at the rate of £10,000 a-piece) for seven large and splendidly framed mirrors from Paris, the prime cost of which was £250 a-piece. The same man who pocketed this profit had a contract to supply Said's army with buttons, on the occasion of some change of uniform. Now Said, who was fond of military tailoring, little as he knew the price of things, did know nearly the fair cost of military buttons. Disgusted by the exorbitant charge for this item, he sent for the French contractor, and pointing to the total of the bill, he flung it down indignantly, saying in French, "It is an infamous robbery, and I won't pay it." To this the Frenchman coolly replied, "If I don't rob your Highness, who the deuce would you have me rob?" The Viceroy was so delighted at the impudence and humour of the man, that he passed his account, and the Frenchman received his money, and afterwards boasted of the presence of mind to which he owed it.

The military and naval estimates have been published, and show a reduction of nearly £2,000,000. Reduction is being carried out in all our military establishments.

A terrible accident occurred on Feb. 20 at the ironworks at Fourchambault, in France. A boiler exploded, and eight persons were most severely burnt. Amongst the sufferers was the son of the proprietor of the establishment. Five of the injured persons have died from the results of the burns.

The *Gazette des Tribunaux* states that M. Rochefort was arrested on Monday night, as he was about to enter the Public Meeting Hall, in the Rue de Flanders. He made no resistance; but, on the contrary, said to the bystanders, "Remain quiet, citizens; I shall soon return to the meeting." After this, the Commissary of Police and his assistants accompanied M. Rochefort to a carriage, and conducted him to the prison of St. Pelagie. Just after the arrest, M. Florences, who was present, stepped forward, and, unsheathing the blade from a sword-cane, shouted, "Rochefort must be set free!" It is asserted that he fired two or three shots from a revolver, and that others followed his example; no one, however, was wounded. At the same time the Commissary of Police, who was present at the meeting held inside the hall, declared the meeting dissolved. He was immediately surrounded and dragged into the street, and threatened with death. For upwards of an hour he was exposed to insults and menaces, but was finally rescued by police agents. At about half-past ten an attempt was made to throw up barricades in several of the streets. Carriages and omnibuses were upset, but the presence of the police sufficed to disperse the rioters. About the same time six omnibuses had been overturned in the Rue de Paris, at Belleville, and a somewhat imposing barricade was thus formed. At one o'clock on Tuesday morning strong detachments of the Garde de Paris and bodies of infantry and cavalry proceeded to Belleville, and the Boulevard at that early hour presented a rather animated spectacle. According to a telegram received from Paris on Wednesday morning, only one serious conflict has taken place, and this occurred in the Rue Oberkampf, where a barricade was removed by the Gardes des Paris. The troops did not make use of their arms. Some stray revolver shots came from the ranks of the rioters, and a police agent was severely wounded. A hundred persons were arrested. Later advices report no further disturbances.

A Dinner in an Egyptian Harem.

In a journal of the recent tour of the Prince and Princess of Wales in the East, the Hon. Mrs Grey gives a graphic account of a visit to the harem of the Viceroy of Egypt's mother:—

"We drove first through a garden which later in the year must be beautiful, and were received at the door of the palace by la grand princesse, the second and third wives of the Viceroy (the first and fourth were not well), his eldest son, and two eldest daughters. La grand princesse took the Princess by the hand, while one of the wives handed me, another Mrs Stanton, and one of the daughters Miss McLean, and thus we went in procession to an immense drawing-room, the whole way there being lined with slaves. We only passed through this room, however, and went straight to the dining-room, after having a cherry given us to eat, handed to us on a most beautiful gold tray, with goblets and plates of gold and precious stones. A slave then offered each of us a silver basin to wash our hands in before we sat down to dinner. In the middle of the room there was a kind of round silver table, about one foot high from the floor, looking more like a big tray than anything else; large square cushions were placed all round it, and so we sat down *a la Turque* round the table; la grand princesse having the Princess of Wales on her right, next whom was Mehmet Taafik Pasha, then the third princess and myself, with the second princess next me, on the left side of the Viceroy's mother. Mrs Stanton and Miss McLean, with the two daughters of the Viceroy, dined in another room. A slave now came in very smartly dressed, half the skirt of black satin, embroidered with gold, and with a sort of turban on her head. She had a beautifully embroidered napkin, with gold fringe, hanging on her arm, and her office was equivalent to that of a European *maitre d'hotel*. She placed her dish in the middle of the table, beginning with the soup, a sort of chicken broth with rice. We were each given a sort of tortoiseshell spoon, with a large coral branch as a handle, but neither knife nor fork, and then, at a sign from the old princess, we all dipped our spoons into the tureen together. Next came an enormous bit of mutton, of which we had to tear off bits with our fingers, and put them straight into our mouths. About twenty dishes followed in rapid succession, alternately savoury and sweet. A large sort of omelette, sausages full of garlic, a sweet dish of vermicelli and sugar, fried fish, a sweet dish made of rosewater and tapioca or gum, half liquid, dressed out on the top with almonds, and served in a basin, a dish of hashed meat with onions, a kind of mince of sage, rice, and raw onions, all rolled in a cabbage leaf, followed each other in succession. Then pastry, and some other curious dishes. Sweetmeats, currant jelly, and thick sour cream were served between; that is, one was allowed to dip one's spoon in the dishes of these things which remained on the table. The last dish of all was a tureen of boiled rice, in which we all dipped our spoons alternately, with a dish of sweetmeat.

A small basin of compote of cherries was then put before everybody, and we had done dinner according to Egyptian habits. I must confess that I never in my life was more disgusted, or felt more inclined to be sick, than I did during this meal. I had had nothing but a cup of coffee in the morning, and the taste of these extraordinary dishes, as well as the sight of all these fingers dipped into the dishes of thick sour cream, or a dish of preserves, and the next moment tearing off a bit of meat or sausage from the same piece of which I felt myself in duty bound to eat, was really too nasty. I did refuse once or twice; but the third princess took it for shyness, and each time took a bit of the dish herself and put it into my hand—once a large onion dipped in gravy! They complimented us upon our way of eating, saying that we did it very cleverly, and that generally the Europeans eat with all five fingers, but that we only used three, which was quite right. No wine or water was served during the dinner; so when the Grand Princess offered me some liquid stuff in a kind of tortoiseshell cup, I seized hold of it with great delight, in hopes of something to wash down the things I had been swallowing *bon gré mal gré*, and took a large spoonful of it, thinking it was water and syrup. To my horror, it proved to be some kind of sour stuff—vinegar, with an addition of herbs and cucumbers,—and I could not help making an awful face, to the great astonishment of the whole party.

A little boy has been run over by a velocipede at Hokitika, and seriously injured about the face and neck.

A telegram from Hobart Town, published in the *Argus* of the 16th instant, states that the Government have issued a lithographic map of the proposed line of the British and Australian Telegraph Company, including the proposed line of the submarine cable to connect Tasmania and New Zealand. The map is intended for general distribution, and is designed to show that Tasmania affords the great natural advantage of the shortest sea route to New Zealand.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

[We have condensed from the *Daily Times* reports the following record of the proceedings of the Council up till last Thursday. The paragraphs of the Superintendent's address which we have omitted are of little importance.]

The twenty-seventh session of the Provincial Council of Otago was opened on Tuesday, 27th April, at the Council Chamber, Dunedin, by his Honor the Superintendent. Shortly after noon the Speaker took the chair, there being present the following members:—On the Government side of the House: Messrs Reid, Haggitt, Gillies, Mount, Duncan, Taylor, J. Shand, M'Dermid, Turnbull, Millar, G. Shand, Main, Mollison, France, and Hughes. On the Opposition side: Messrs Thomson, Mosley, Henderson, Murray, Barr, M'Innes, Green, Brown, Sibbald, Clark, Shepherd, and Haughton.

HIS HONOR'S ADDRESS.

His Honor the Superintendent entered, and having taken the Speaker's chair, read the following address:—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Provincial Council.—

The subjects which you will be called upon to deal with during the present session, although not numerous, are in some respects perhaps as important as any which have occupied your attention for some time past.

As this is probably your last session before a general election, it is absolutely necessary that provision should be made for a re-adjustment of the representation upon a fair and equitable basis, with which view an Ordinance will be submitted to you.

You are no doubt aware that in compliance with your resolution last year, a contract has been entered into for the construction of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Railway. You will be asked by the promoters of this railway to concur with me in granting them the necessary power to acquire such land as may be requisite for the construction of the line.

It is a question worthy of consideration whether or not we shall make up our minds to abandon the idea of constructing the Southern Trunk Railway by means of a company, and take the matter into our own hands. I believe that the work can be accomplished by the Government quite as successfully as it can be by private parties. There can be no more objection to the Government taking upon themselves the construction of railways than of making roads. Should you participate in this view, it will be well to pass the necessary resolution to enable me to apply for power to borrow the money.

Gentlemen, I have again to call your special attention to the subject of immigration. I am persuaded that this is the question, beyond all others, which ought to force itself upon our earnest consideration at the present time; not as a subject for mere abstract discussion, but for prompt practical action. It cannot be disguised that, as a Legislature, we have sadly failed in what has been required of us in this matter, and that much of the depression which at present prevails is to be attributed to our neglect.

The one thing needful to secure the prosperity of every class, is a population in some measure adequate to the beneficial occupation of the country. At present the Province is comparatively a wilderness. During the past year the balance of immigration over emigration has been 1530, a mere drop in the bucket.

Instead of 65,000—the present population of Otago and Southland—I believe that several millions of industrious people might find the means of comfort and independence within our borders. You will observe from the correspondence with the British Agent, that, anticipating your concurrence, Mr Auld has been empowered to make arrangements for granting passages to 200 adults per month, at 25s a head, the Government to pay the difference. This arrangement, if successful, will involve a vote of £17,000 a year, an amount which I should be glad to see doubled.

But it is not assisted immigration that should be looked to exclusively to develop the resources of the province. There can be no doubt that there are, in the overgrown countries of Europe, thousands of industrious people, possessed, more or less, of means of their own, whose condition would be greatly bettered by coming here. In order, however, to get at this class, it is essential that there should be an agent at work, personally acquainted with the province and its capabilities; a man who could both write and speak from his own personal knowledge, and one who could associate with, and feel himself at home in, every sphere of society. I trust that before the Session closes suitable provision will be made for securing the services of such an agent.

Gentlemen, perhaps the most effective means which could be adopted of attracting population to our shores would be the establishment of direct steam communication with Europe.

From enquiry upon this subject, I have reason to think that if, under the powers conferred by the Immigration Act, 1873, we were to set apart £25,000 a year for immigration for three years, arrangements may be made whereby a direct steam line can be secured, and our immigrants brought out in 50 days at the same rates as are now being paid to sailing vessels. With this object in view, proposals will be submitted to you for approval.

The advantage which would result to the province and the colony from such a line must be so obvious that it is needless to enlarge upon it. I may observe that but for the graving dock at Port Chalmers, now rapidly approaching completion, we never could have looked forward to a line of steamers such as is now in view at anything like the money.

While upon this subject of Immigration, it may be well to call your attention to the fact that, in all probability, an effort will be made to take the matter into the hands of the General Government. I feel persuaded that any action in this direction practically means the settlement of the Northern Island at the expense of the land revenue of Canterbury and Otago, each of which provinces is far more competent to conduct its own immigration than the General Government can possibly be. It is to be hoped that your action this session will be such as that, in so far as this province is concerned, there will be no pretext for the General Government interfering in the matter of immigration.

In the event of our succeeding in establishing a direct steam line from London, I think it not unlikely that Canterbury may be induced to participate in the benefits and to share in the expense.

Last session you requested me to take steps to obtain from the Colonial Parliament power for the province to guarantee interest on a sum not exceeding £100,000, to be expended on water supply for the gold-fields. While I shall spare no effort to obtain the sanction of the Assembly to this proposal, I would venture to suggest that the power sought should be alternative, so as to enable us either to guarantee interest to private enterprise, or, failing this, to raise the money on loan; and that, instead of £100,000, the power

shall extend to £200,000. Every day is rendering it more apparent that a larger amount expended in this direction, and that, in fact, with cheap and abundant water, there is no limit to the auriferous resources of the province. There is good reason to believe that, with an adequate supply of water, our quartz reefs alone would afford profitable employment to thousands. I am in hope that the Assembly may be made to see that the colony itself would be greatly benefited by permitting the Otago gold-fields to afford profitable occupation to 50,000 instead of 5000. While on this subject, I may observe that in furtherance of your resolution last session, respecting the appointment of a competent mining surveyor, to report upon the resources of the gold-fields, and to make suggestions as to their development, I have placed myself in communication with the Government of Victoria. The correspondence will be laid before you, and an amount placed upon the Estimates to provide for this service.

Another very important subject which will have to be considered by you when the Estimates are under consideration, is the appointment of a duly-qualified Inspector of Schools.

In compliance with the recommendation of the High School Commission, arrangements are now being made for the establishment of a High School for girls, and also for the erection of a suitable building for boy boarders in connection with the High School.

There is a grave question now staring us in the face, with respect to which I should be glad to have your opinion and advice. I allude to the very serious results which sooner or later must accrue from the gradual elevation of the beds of the Taieri and Clutha rivers, consequent upon mining operations.

You are, no doubt, aware that in consequence of the undue length of the voyage of the *Minidora*, our second shipment of salmon ova turned out a total failure. Now that we have steam communication with San Francisco, I am inclined to think that, with absolute certainty of success, we might procure ova from British Columbia.

Among the votes in this year's Estimates in which I would specially invite your concurrence will be a proposal to subsidise the establishment of monthly steam communication along the western coast of the province. There is a very large area of country available for settlement at the various ports of Catlin's River, Taikuku, Waikawa, Toi-toi, Stewart's Island, Preservation Inlet, and Martin's Bay—country which, from its inaccessibility, except by sea, is comparatively unknown.

With regard to Martin's Bay, a survey party is at present located there, and, from all appearance, what is wanted to create a thriving settlement is the means of reaching it by sea. A track is now being formed overland from Lake Wakatipu.

In accordance with your request, I introduced a Bill into the General Assembly at its last session, to enable the province to borrow £50,000 for certain important public works. Although this Bill received the assent of the House of Representatives, it was thrown out in the Legislative Council. I trust that in the ensuing session a similar Bill will meet with a better fate, and that we shall be enabled to proceed with the Oamaru Dock, the Waitaki Bridge, and the other works to which it was intended to devote this loan.

Two hundred and forty new agricultural holdings, or homesteads, have been occupied during the year. Gold export returns show an increase of nearly 10,000oz as compared with the previous year; while the Customs revenue shows an excess of about £3000. The number of public schools has been increased from 74 to 85. The money expended by Local Road Boards amounted during the past year to the large sum of over £20,000.

I allude to these things &c in any spirit of self-complacency, but simply as indicating that notwithstanding the drawbacks with which our settlers have had to contend, there is throughout the province an onward tendency—an elasticity which cannot be repressed; and what we really require is immigration of capital and labor on a large scale, and united action among ourselves, in order to obtain a degree of prosperity beyond our most sanguine expectations.

His Honor then declared the Council opened for the transaction of business, and retired.

The Speaker read prayers.

Mr Reid moved that the Address should be held as read, and ordered to be printed.—Carried.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Speaker read the writs of the returns of Mr James Allan, as member for the Taieri, and Mr Robert Mitchell, as member for Waikouaiti. The two new members entered the Chamber, and took their seats on the Opposition benches.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr Allan gave notice of motion that on Thursday he would move that an address in reply to the Superintendent's Address be presented.

Various other notices of motion were given.

REPORTS.

Mr Duncan laid on the table departmental reports on Education, and on the Dunedin Hospital.

Mr Reid laid on the table the following departmental reports:—Roads and Works, Engineers, and Gold-fields Regulations; and reports on the Waitaki bridge, regulations for the management of depaturing within Hundreds, and of the Island Block Commission.

BILLS.

Mr Haggitt laid on the table the following Bills:—Road Board Ordinance of 1870, Tokomairiro School residence and Glebe Land Sales Ordinance, Cemeteries Management Ordinance, and District Roads Compulsory Land Taking Ordinance; all of which were read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion of Mr Reid, the House then adjourned until Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

The Speaker took the chair at two o'clock, and read the usual form of prayer.

HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT.

Mr Reid laid upon the table the Harbor Master's Report on Martin's Bay.

RESERVE FOR QUEENSTOWN.

Mr Mount moved "That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that section 1, block IX., Queenstown, be set apart as a reserve for purposes of public utility, for the use of the incorporated town of Queenstown for a site for a fire-engine house."

Mr Haughton seconded the motion.

A debate ensued, and the motion was then put and carried.

For continuation of Council proceedings, see page 5.

J. O. J.

ROYAL OAK OF KAWARAU.

The Anniversary Ball & Supper

of the above Court

WILL be held at RICHARDS'S BANNOCK-
BURN HOTEL, on FRIDAY, May 13,
1880.

STEWARDS:

J. Marshall, C.R. H. Behrens, S.C.R.
C. Koch, P.C.R. C. Pretsch, J.W.
Dr Corne, C.S. W. Goldsmith, Sec.

Dancing to Commence at 9 o'clock. An effi-
cient BAND in attendance.
Mr E. G. Barnes has kindly consented
to act as Master of the Ceremonies.

TICKETS (to admit Lady and Gentleman), £1 1s.

NOTICE.

THE CURRENT of the MOLYNEUX

applied to raising water and mill powers,

J. T. THOMSON,
Civil Engineer,
Rockside, Caversham.

SEEDS! SEEDS!

RED, White, and Alske CLOVERS,
Timothy, &c., ex late arrivals.

LAW, SOMNER, and CO.,
Octagon, Dunedin.

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS has been laid on at
ARDGOUR STATION.

JOHN M. M'LEAN.

For Sale.

THE VALUABLE FARM at Wai
Keri Keri Valley, CLYDE (200 acres), the
property of Mr J. D. FERAUD. The land is
sown down and under cultivation. For parti-
culars apply to

Mr J. HAZLETT or Mr D. MACONCHIE,
Clyde;

Or to
J. D. FERAUD,
Monte Christo Farm.

3000 BUSHELS WAKATIP OATS
on Sale at the lowest Market Rates.

Samples may be seen at Barry's Auction Mart.

W. J. BARRY.

Charles Constantine.

IF this should meet the eye of CHARLES
CONSTANTINE, lately living at the Elbow,
he is requested to communicate with the under-
signed. A Letter of Credit has been lying for
him for some time at a Bank in town.

F. A. VON HAMMER,
Invercargill, Southland.

New Advertisements.

WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN OUR NEXT.

OPENING

OF THE

SHOTOVER BRIDGE,

On or about

TUESDAY NEXT, 10th MAY.

GRAND PUBLIC CEREMONY.

A FREE LUNCHEON

FOR

ONE THOUSAND PERSONS!

EVERYBODY

Is invited to come and take part in this

IMPORTANT

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION!

In the Evening,

A SUBSCRIPTION BALL

Will be held

AT QUEENSTOWN.

HENRY JOHN COPE,

Secretary to Celebration Committee.

TENDERS will be received until SATURDAY,
14th MAY, for the purchase of the STOCK

and BUILDING (Freehold) in the Estate of the
late D. WEAVER, Cromwell.

For particulars, apply on the premises.

G. WHITTINGHAM,

Executor in the Estate of D. Weaver, deceased.

FRUIT TREES,

Gooseberry and Currant Bushes

Raspberry Canes

Hawthorn Quicks, two and three years old

Strawberry Plants

Rhubarb Roots, of best sorts,

On Sale by

G. MATTHEWS,

Nursery and Seedsmen,

DUNEDIN.

Prices can be ascertained on application at the
office of this paper.

New Advertisements.

WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN OUR NEXT.

WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY,

At 12 o'clock.

PRIME FAT CATTLE!

At Goodger's Sale Yards.

W. J. BARRY has received instruc-
tions from CHAS. ROBERTS, Esq., of
the Hawea Lake, to sell by Public Auction, on
the above date,

20 HEAD of PRIME FAT CATTLE.

Terms at Sale.

FRIDAY, 10th JUNE, 1880,

At 12 o'clock.

IMPORTANT AND UNRESERVED SALE

OF

Prime Fat Bullocks, Dairy Cattle

&c., &c., &c.

At Goodger's Yards, Cromwell.

W. J. BARRY has been favored with
instructions from RICHARD LANCASTER,
Esq., of the Beaumont, to Sell by Public Auction
on the above date, without the slightest reserve,
a mob of splendid Fat and Dairy Cattle, consist-
ing of—

80 PRIME DAIRY COWS, in full milk
and about to milk. With and without
Calves.

20 Two and Three Year old HEIFERS,
near calving, and all hand-fed.

20 From One to Two Year old STEERS
and HEIFERS (mixed).

30 Head of PRIME FAT BULLOCKS,
provincial bred.

The Auctioneer can with confidence state
that such a splendid mob of Cattle as this has
never been offered in the up-country districts.
The Cows have all been selected by the most
competent judge in the province for dairy pur-
poses; and the Bullocks are in splendid condi-
tion, and fit for the butcher.

The whole will be positively sold to the highest
bidder, without the slightest reserve.

Such an opportunity for securing Prime Dairy
and Fat Cattle seldom occurs, and the Auction-
eer trusts that Mr Lancaster's enterprise in
bringing such a splendid mob to the district for
absolute sale will be duly recognised.

Terms at Sale.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

NEW

General Grocery Establishment
IN CROMWELL.

THE undersigned beg to intimate to
the residents of Cromwell and the sur-
rounding district that they have purchased that
central allotment of land opposite the Council
Chamber, and are now having erected a large and
 commodious building, which will shortly be opened
as a GENERAL GROCERY ESTABLISH-
MENT. Arrangements have been made for a
constant supply of the very best articles obtain-
able in the Dunedin market, and they trust that
by attention to the wants of their customers they
will receive a fair measure of public support.

DAVID A. JOLLY & Co.

BENDIGO REEFS HOTEL,

WAKEFIELD.

The undersigned having recently completed the
above house at great expense, begs to intimate
that he is now in a position to offer the best Accom-
modation to his patrons. The house has been
fitted with every convenience for carrying on an
extensive trade, and the comfort of visitors and
boarders will be specially attended to.

Commodious BILLIARD ROOM, with one of
the best Tables.

W. GOODALL,

Proprietor.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having disposed of his busi-
ness and premises at LOGANTOWN, all
ACCOUNTS due up to the 9th of APRIL must be
paid either to himself or to Mr KELSA, on
the premises.

JOHN PERRIAM,

Lowburn.

GOLDEN-SPANGLED HAMBURGH

FOWLS, very fine and pure, FOR SALE.

Cock and FOUR HENS, 40s. Apply at the office
of this paper.

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD,

LATE MR GRANT'S

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COMMEMORIAL.

ARGUS OFFICE,

Tuesday afternoon.

Business during the week has shown a slight
degree of activity, and a considerable number of
orders have been received from the outlying dis-
tricts for all classes of goods.

Cartage from Dunedin has advanced to £11.
Loading is plentiful, and upwards of a dozen
teams have passed through Cromwell during the
week, bound for Queenstown, Bendigo Gully,
and Cardrona.

Our quotations are as follow:—

Flour (Robertson & Hallenstein's).—£10 to

£12 per ton.

Pollard, do. do., £12 per ton.

Bran, do. do., £9 per ton.

Oats.—5s per bushel.

Wheat.—7s 6d per bushel.

Chaff.—£8 per ton.

Hay.—£10 " "

Straw.—£7 " "

Potatoes.—£12 " "

Bread.—1s per 4lb loaf.

Butter.—2s per lb.

Cheese.—1s 6d "

Bacon.—1s 6d "

Ham.—1s 8d "

Eggs.—2s per dozen.

Kerosene.—5s per gallon.

Candles.—1s 3d per lb.

Mutton.—4d to 6d

Beef.—7d and 8d

Lignite, 35s per ton.

Firewood (scrub), £4 per load.

Cartage from Dunedin.—£11.

THE

Cromwell Argus.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1880.

SINGULARLY strange is the contrast that is
offered between the mining tenures of this
district and the neighboring ones of the
Lakes and Taupoka. In both of these
places leases for gold-mining are the favor-
ite titles, while in this district the holding
of claims under miners' right is the method
generally adopted. Yet the result so far
tells in favor of the places which apply
generally the leasing system as the best
title for their holdings. The reports of the
gold-fields wardens recently published, and
called for by a circular from the Colonial
Secretary's office, testify to the value of
the system, and the results that follow its
adoption. Those districts that resort to it
show the largest returns and the greatest
value of mining plant. That this is due
to other than exceptional circumstances
we must accept as a fact. We must come
to the conclusion that the leasing system
tends to do some things that materially
promote the prosperity of those portions of
the gold-fields that use it. We believe that
these can be easily enumerated, and we
think it wise also, under the present state
of affairs, to press them upon the attention
of our mining readers and those connected
with claims. First, then, we think the
application for a lease, and the period that
intervenes between the issue of the certifi-
cate, gives time to mature arrangements;
that the applicant is able to state what
capital he will employ, the number of men,
and how soon he intends to get into full
working operations; that a security of
title is given that commands the assistance
of capital, and does obtain it; that the
title is a perfect one, and if taken out in
the name of one person can be made to
protect the interests of an infinitude of
shareholders; that shares or interest held
under it can be transferred without the
necessity of altering and transferring the
title; that it thus avoids so many frequent
changes that take place under titles other-
wise held; that an interest held under a
lease is always looked upon more favorably
by the purchaser than one held under a
miner's right, with its registration, pro-
tection, and other reservations implied or
bound to be observed; that the documents
of the lease define once and for all the con-
ditions to be observed, and save endless
doubts, bother, and expenses. These, we
apprehend, are some of the circumstances
that make leases so attractive in other dis-
tricts than our own; and if our opinion is
a correct one, which we think in this case
it is, we strongly press its consideration
upon the mining public. The experience
and results of other districts are at least
safe guides to follow. We are informed
that a lease need not be applied for in more
than one name, and the party so applying
can execute a power of attorney (at a very
small cost), that will protect the title
throughout. Any forfeiture would arise
from a breach of the covenants of the lease.
We are afraid our Bendigo miners may
pray ever so much for the capital so much
required to develop their claims, but unless
held upon a different title to the present

one, they will fail to command any ade-
quate amount. It is not so in other places.
Now that winter is almost upon us, and
work may soon be stopped, meetings of
claim-holders can be held without loss of
time, and steps taken to obtain this title.
Then the claims can combine, and stop into
the open market upon a foundation that
is certain to command attention.

THREE important speeches have recently
been delivered, and all of them of colonial
interest: one is by the Hon. Mr Stafford,
the late Premier, one by the Hon. Mr
Fox, the present one, and the other by Mr
Macandrew, on the opening of the Provin-
cial Council. It might be thought at first
blush that one Superintendent's address to
the Provincial Council is hardly of colonial
importance. This would not be a correct
surmise. The eyes of colonial politicians
are very generally bent upon the course
affairs are taking in Otago, for it is gen-
erally understood we have put our foot
down, and are determined in the future to
play no yielding part. Of Mr Macan-
drew's speech we may say it is character-
istic of the man, and will mightily please
his followers; but then, of course, it would
not be characteristic of him if it was not
so impracticable, or rather impossible, to
carry out the ideas enunciated. Mr Mac-
andrew possesses the art or knack of show-
ing great things looming in the future, and
getting afterwards credit for being thwarted
in their immediate realization. He does
it so plausibly, and with so much unction,
that one is so charmingly humbugged that
he cannot be offended. So in this instance:
his admirers have many nice things pre-
sented to their imaginations, and which
quite fascinate them. No one can deny
that they are not good schemes; but they
are not feasible, any of them, to the extent
indicated, unless by the adoption of a very
happy idea of Mr Macandrew, namely,
getting into debt, and fortunately, before
we increase our already heavy burden in
that line, we have to ask the consent
of the senior partner in the concern—
the Assembly. That consent we will not
get; and so tumbles down, if not before,
the castle built in the air. Then we
have Mr Stafford's address, conciliatory
in its tone to the present ministry, and
perhaps intended hereafter to lead to the
formation of a coalition ministry; dead-
ly in its tone to provincialism, but friendly
to the extension of local self-government.
Admirable in its arrangement, manly in
its tone, and statesman-like in its prin-
ciples. Mr Fox's was a vindication of the
sore point of the ministry, namely, that it
was compelled to act as it had done; that
is, throw overboard the principles upon
which it ascended to office. It was acrimo-
nious in its nature throughout, and did
not reciprocate the more magnanimous
good wishes of Stafford. In fact, he ac-
cused that gentlemen almost of committing
treason. It should have been the ablest
speech of all the three, but yet it turned
out a failure. The fireworks would not go
off—perhaps because the grain of the pow-
der employed in their manufacture was
rather too coarse. In these speeches, which
deserve to be attentively read, there is
ample food for serious reflection and study
for the next month.

We learn from several gentlemen who
have arrived in Cromwell from Dunedin
that most injurious reports are circulated
there as to the value of the reefs at Ben-
digo, and that to this fact may be attrib-
uted the absence of Dunedin bidders at
the recent sale of the late Mr Garrett's
reefing property. We cannot for the life
of us understand how such reports can be
originated and propagated in the face of
the positive evidence we have of the very
rich nature of so many of the claims at
Bendigo; and we certainly think there
must either be a sad falling-off in the en-
terprise of Dunedin capitalists, or a sad
want of money in Otago's chief town. The
very idea of a fourth share in such a val-
uable claim as that of the Cromwell Com-
pany is known to be being disposed of at
£2000, when there was actually half that
sum in the Bank for fortnight's crushing,
is astounding. Our local bidders could not
go beyond that amount, and we congrat-
ulate Messrs Logan, Goodger, and Heb-
den on being so fortunate as to secure the
valuable shares which were disposed of on
such favorable terms. We pass from the
Bendigo reef to the Aurora, the stone
from which, we are informed, has averaged
from the first crushing up to the pre-
sent time about two ounces to the ton
—an amount which in the reefing districts
of Victoria and other places would be
looked upon as a splendid return, but
which is apparently thought nothing of
here. We now turn to Colclough's line
of reef. The trial crushing from the pros-
pector's claim on this line yielded, we are
informed, 30zs 2dwts. to the ton. Be-
sides these instances we have referred to
of the excellent yields obtained, there are
many other claims with equally promising
prospects, and how any want of confidence
in such reefs can maintain we are at a loss
to understand.

Constable Fleming, who has been so
long stationed at Cardrona, and lately residing
here, has been promoted to the charge of the
Switzers district. We trust the change will
prove to his advantage.

The mining property and other effects
belonging to the intestate estate of the late Mr
J. W. Garrett were sold at auction by Mr W. J.
Barry on Thursday last. There was a large
attendance at the sale, but the bidding was not
particularly brisk. A fourth share in the Crom-
well Company's leases and plant realised £2000,
—Mr B. Heblen, acting on behalf of the com-
pany, being the purchaser. The liabilities of
the company at the date of sale were stated to
be about £750, and to cover these there was
about £1000 worth of gold deposited in the
Bank. A fifth share in the Golden Link was
also knocked down to the company, the price
realised being £700. An eighth in the Alta
claim was sold to Mr James Hazlett for £99; a
twelfth in the Golden Crown for £13 10s., and
a twenty-fourth in No. 1 west of the Alta for £2
—the two last mentioned to Mr Holt, of Clyde.
The horses realised fair prices. We understand
that the proceeds of the sale, less auctioneer's
commission and other expenses, amounted to
£2777 1s.—A seventh share in the Aurora Com-
pany was afterwards put up, and was bought in
at £1200.

The Wakatip Mail thinks we are misin-
formed as to the intentions of a party in Queens-
town to introduce a second journal there. Our
information was reliable, and the scheme only
dropped through at last because the section in
question lost confidence in the individual whom
they proposed to start. We know that a num-
ber of persons desire to introduce a second jour-
nal into the district, but we cannot say how
many of those are now in Queenstown, after the
recent failure. Our contemporary, we think, was
a little unnecessarily alarmed at the threatened
invasion into his close reserve. He need not
have been, under the circumstances. We shall
be glad, however, to see the Mail appear in its
enlarged form, and we have no doubt it will re-
ceive a proportionately greater amount of support.

We have been requested by the treasurer
to the Cromwell Church Fund to acknowledge
the receipt of £20 from the Nevis district—
£8 10s having been contributed by the people at
the Lower Nevis and £11 10s from the upper
township. It gives us much pleasure to notice
this instance of liberality from such a thinly
populated district.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the
Alexandra Town Council was held in the Coun-
cil Chamber on Friday evening last. Present:
the Mayor, and Crs. Thevers and Beresford.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and
confirmed. Outward correspondence read and
approved. Inward read and received. An ap-
plication from Mr William Wilson for leave to
fence in a piece of ground round his residence
was granted, provided that it interfered with no
existing rights. The Town Clerk was instructed
to see to this before replying. An account due
to M'Naughton and Motherwell, amounting to
£14 15s, for day labour and horse and dray hire
in gravelling the top of Tachert-street, was
passed for payment. This concluded the business
before the Council.

In our third page will be found a com-
piled report of the proceedings of the Provin-
cial Council, for which we are indebted to our
Dunedin files.

Our readers will perceive by advertise-
ment in another column that we are to have a
new grocery establishment in Cromwell shortly.
Messrs D. A. Jolly and Co. being the propri-
etors. They have purchased the valuable site
adjoining Mr Wright's Victoria Store, and their
building is in course of erection.

The amount of gold brought down by
the monthly escort from Queenstown on Satur-
day last was 2148ozs. 13dwts., and Cromwell's
fortnightly contribution was 830ozs.

We have been requested to state that
Mr E. G. Barnes has kindly consented to act as
Master of the Ceremonies at the approaching
Forester's ball at the Bannockburn. We hear
that a goodly number of members of the Crom-
well court intend to be present at the ball,
which promises to be a great success.

The proprietor of the Wakatip Mail an-
nounces his intention of enlarging that paper to
six pages on and after the 12th instant, and also
notifies that in future it will be published every
Thursday morning, instead of in the afternoon
as hitherto.

We see by the New Zealand Gazette
that the General Assembly is to meet on the
14th of next month.

The Chinaman who recently sold a quan-
tity of spurious gold to Mr W. Colclough, at the
Cardrona, has been duly committed for trial at
the next Supreme Court sittings. At the time
the Chinaman were prosecuted here for selling
spurious gold to Mr Halliday, it was under the
Vagrancy Act, as it was supposed the law did
not provide for a specific charge. Sergeant Fox
however, prosecuted the present delinquent for
obtaining money by means of false representa-
tions—that is, selling spurious metal, repre-
senting it to be pure gold.

We are informed that a letter was re-
ceived last week by Messrs Mitchinson and Har-
rison, storekeepers, Wakefield, from the Chieftain
Postmaster, Dunedin, in reference to the pro-
posed post-office at Bendigo. It was stated in
the letter that the Government was not in po-
sition to expend any moneys for the conveyance
of a mail from Rocky Point to Bendigo, nor for
the payment of a postmaster. In order the
expense should not be an obstacle, we hear the
Messrs Mitchinson and Harrison have offered to
take charge of the post-office, and convey the
mail to and fro, free of charge, till the end of
the present year.

We are glad to notice that Mr Haug-
ton has given notice of motion for a reduction
of the gold export duty.

THE BENDIGO REEFS.

BENDIGO LINE.

The Cromwell Company washed up last night, and obtained the handsome return of 255 ounces—the result of nine days' washing. The quantity of stone passed through the battery during that time was about eighty tons. This company have a night shift regularly at work. The last crushing was taken from a lower reef than any of the stone previously put through the mill, and the reef improves as it descends.

The Golden Link will shortly furnish material for another crushing, about thirty tons being already brought to the surface. The Golden Crown Company has a large quantity of quartz awaiting a trial crushing, which is likely to take place soon at the Aurora battery.

In No. 1 west on the Bendigo line, the tractors are down about ninety feet, and are working vigorously to get the maining ten feet of their sinking completed. The main body of the reef has not yet been reached, but they expect to meet with it before the contract is finished.

The two prospecting shareholders in No. 2 west—Messrs John Wilson and Hugh Henry—deserve credit for their pluck and perseverance. This was one of the first reefs occupied at the commencement of the rush to Bendigo. They have now reached a depth of about 100 feet in their second shaft, and are perfectly satisfied with their prospects.

AURORA LINE.

The Aurora Company started the second battery of five stamp-heads in the early part of last week. Both batteries are now in full operation, and crushing from twenty-five to thirty tons in the twenty-four hours. This is now the largest battery in the Bendigo district. The erection of the machinery was first put into the hands of a party whose skill was found wanting when it was rather late. The company were afterwards fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr Robert Reed, the engineer who reconstructed and set in motion the first quartz-crushing machinery on the Bendigo gold field. Mr Reed had some trouble in undoing what had been done towards putting up the machinery before he undertook the work; but by his skill and indefatigable exertion, the task has been completed to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The ten stamp-heads will crush from 150 to 180 tons of stone weekly. Mr Reed is about to rejoin his family in Victoria, and the shareholders and residents at the Reefs purpose presenting him, before his departure, with some substantial token of their esteem.

No. 4 west.—The two working shareholders—Messrs Duis and Findson—have completed their dray-road, and will have their quartz carted for crushing this week at the Aurora battery.

COLDLOUGH'S LINE.

Prospectors' Claim.—Mr Coldlough has been for some days in Dunedin, and we understand that he has purchased the requisite crushing machinery, with a battery of nine head of stampers, which will be erected with as little delay as possible.

BROADFOOT AND KELLY'S LINE.

Prospecting Claim.—The company are busily engaged raising stone and opening up the reef. They have already sent a large quantity to the mill, in readiness for crushing after the next washing-up of the Aurora Company.

RICHMOND'S LINE.

The prospectors' claim is in full work, and every exertion is being made to secure a trial crushing before the winter frost curtails the supply of water. The reef shows gold from the surface, and the shareholders confidently anticipate a favourable result.

SLUICING CLAIMS.

The sluicing claims lately taken up in Bendigo Gully are being worked with energy, and each party visited by our reporter last week appeared quite satisfied with their prospects for the winter. The whole bed of the creek as far up as the Rise and Shine Company's claim is now occupied by sluicing parties.

The late rain has afforded an abundant supply of water—indeed, in some instances, rather too much, and a few of the dams have been slightly injured.

NEW SCALE OF POSTAL RATES.

LETTERS	NOT EXCEEDING									
	1/2 oz.	1 oz.	1 1/2 oz.	2 oz.	2 1/2 oz.	3 oz.	3 1/2 oz.	4 oz.	4 1/2 oz.	5 oz.
To England	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 6	5 0
N. S. Wales	0 3	0 6	0 9	1 0	1 3	1 6	1 9	2 0	2 3	2 6
Victoria	0 3	0 6	0 9	1 0	1 3	1 6	1 9	2 0	2 3	2 6
South Australia	0 3	0 6	0 9	1 0	1 3	1 6	1 9	2 0	2 3	2 6
Queensland	0 3	0 6	0 9	1 0	1 3	1 6	1 9	2 0	2 3	2 6
Tasmania	0 3	0 6	0 9	1 0	1 3	1 6	1 9	2 0	2 3	2 6
Through N. Z.	0 3	0 6	0 9	1 0	1 3	1 6	1 9	2 0	2 3	2 6
Through Otago	0 2	0 4	0 6	0 8	1 0	1 2	1 4	1 6	1 8	2 0

Finney and party's gold for the Lake Export arrived too late. We hear the amount was over 600ozs.

We understand that favorable news from Martin's Bay was received in Queenstown late on Monday night.

A miner who has lately returned to Queenstown from Martin's Bay reports the discovery of a quartz reef, containing payable gold.

CROMWELL R.M.'s COURT.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

(Before Vincent Pyke, Esq., R.M., and G. W. Goudier, Esq., J.P.)

RESISTING THE POLICE WHILE IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTY.

Charles Binge, — Douglas, and W. Lamont (on remand), were charged by Sergeant Cassels with resisting the police while in the execution of their duty at Logantown, on Sunday, the 30th March. Lamont did not appear, and Binge and Douglas denied the charge.

From the evidence of defendants' witnesses it was clear that there had not been any interference with the police, who had apparently ordered a number of men off the street at Logantown on the evening in question, while, as it appeared from the evidence, they were quietly conversing.

The Bench dismissed the charges, remarking that the police had been exercising undue authority, and were exceeding their duty in the course pursued.

ASSAULT AT BANNOCKBURN.

William Howell and Charles Lawrence were indicted on a charge of having committed a violent and unlawful assault upon the person of John Halliday, at Smith's Gully, Bannockburn, on the 15th April, with intent, &c.

Mr Brough appeared for both defendants, who pleaded not guilty, and applied for their discharge, upon the ground that they had been arrested without a warrant.

This objection to the legality of the arrest of the defendants was, however, over-ruled by the Bench, as the assault took place on Good Friday, when it was shown a warrant could not have been obtained without considerable delay, and as it was certified by Mr Halliday's medical attendant that his life was in danger at the time.

Another preliminary objection was raised as to the informal nature of the information, as Mr Halliday's life was not now in danger, and the offence committed was therefore not an indictable one.

This objection was sustained, and the case before the Court was dismissed; but defendants were then arraigned on the fresh charge of "unlawfully assaulting John Halliday at Smith's Gully, Bannockburn, on the 25th of April."

The defendants pleaded not guilty.

Mr Brough applied to have the cases tried separately, as otherwise they would be deprived of each other's evidence in the case.

The request was granted, and the case of Howell was first taken.

A large amount of evidence was taken in both cases, but as a good deal of it was of very little importance, we merely give the medical testimony, and the evidence of prosecutor and defendants.

John Halliday, sworn, deposed: I am a hotel-keeper at Bannockburn. On the afternoon of the 15th inst. I was in my slaughter-yard. I saw Howell and Lawrence working in their garden. There were six or eight of my small pigs opposite the garden, and Howell jumped out and deliberately killed one of the pigs with a sluice-fork he had in his hand. I walked up, picked up the pig, and demanded payment for it from Howell. He said, "I'll pay you," and made a rush at me with the sluice-fork. I caught his eye, and when he aimed a blow at me I dropped. He missed the 11 w, and the fork flew out of his hands. A struggle ensued, and eventually, being the stronger party, I placed his head between my legs, and held him there. When so fixed, he made an attempt to catch me with his teeth. He bit a piece out of my trousers, and I then threw him back. The struggle continued again for some time, when Lawrence came up with a shovel in his hand. [The witness here proceeded to give evidence as to the assault committed by Lawrence, when he was requested by the Bench to confine himself to the charge against Howell.]

Howell kicked and bit me after Lawrence arrived. A man named Robert Scott then came up. I was driven into Cromwell by a man in my employ, and Dr Corse dressed my head. I gave information to the police. I have been under medical treatment ever since the assault.

Robert Scott, a miner, living at Bannockburn, was then examined, but nothing of importance was elicited from his evidence. He deposed to arriving on the scene when Halliday and Howell were struggling, and that he and Lawrence, who was standing by, separated them.

Charles Lawrence, miner, living at Smith's Gully, was then examined, and gave evidence as follows: Remember the 15th of April. Was at work in the garden. Saw Halliday coming towards the garden. He was about 40 yards away. Howell went out to him. I did not see a sluice-fork in Howell's hand. They began fighting. To the best of my belief, Halliday struck the first blow. I could not swear to it, however. I went out and tried to part them. Halliday had Howell down, and was trying to choke him. I sang out "Let go!" but he would not. I managed to part them, but they got up and fought again. I am a mate of Howell's. We have suffered damage through Halliday's pigs. They have caused injury to our race. I went to Halliday, and asked him to keep his pigs secure. He gave an insulting reply.

Henry Behrens also deposed to having witnessed the struggle, but no fresh evidence was given by him.

There were no other witnesses called, and Mr Brough applied for the discharge of the accused, as there was no evidence to show that any damage had been caused by Howell.

The Bench decided to hear the case against Lawrence before giving their decision, and it was then proceeded with.

John Halliday, sworn, said: When Lawrence came up, he said "I shall not see my mate beat." He had a shovel in his hand. I was in a stooping attitude at the time, holding Howell down. Lawrence raised the shovel over his head, and struck me on the centre of the head with it. I blew a great deal. I came into Cromwell, and Dr Corse dressed my head. I have been under his treatment ever since. I stayed in Cromwell for three days under his care.

The witness was cross-examined at some length by Mr Brough, and in answer to one question said that he might have lost three-quarters of a gallon of blood. He was certain that he had lost half a gallon.

Sergeant Cassels deposed to having received information of the assault, and to the arrest of the accused at Bannockburn.

Dr Corse, being sworn, said: I am a duly qualified medical practitioner, residing in Cromwell. I remember being called from the Gorge on the 15th inst. to attend Mr Halliday. His head and the cloths in which it was enveloped were saturated with blood. On strict examination I found an oblique lacerated wound, 2 1/2 in. in length, on the surface of the skull, an abrasion at the base of the skull, and an abrasion on right temple, which was also much swollen. The features were very much discoloured. I shaved his head, and dressed the wound. I gave him some medicine, and saw him to rest. The wound was a lacerated one, and I should think it was by a blow from a shovel. The abrasions might have been caused by a fall or a blow.

By Mr Dalgleish: There was a very slight fracture of the skull. I examined the patient

next morning, and found two bruises over the ribs, which might have been caused by a kick. I considered the patient's life in danger when Sergeant Cassels first spoke to me.

By Mr Brough: On the following morning I found that there was no depression of the parietal bone, and I then considered his life out of danger. I passed a probe through the fracture in the skull. The fracture was a very slight one. I remember Dr Thomson coming up. The patient was ignorant of his coming. There were two persons who came with him. I objected to allow those two persons to go in to see the patient. I introduced Dr Thomson to the patient, who declined to allow Dr Thomson to see his head, as he said he was getting free from pain, and did not want to be disturbed. I left it entirely to Mr Halliday whether he would allow Dr Thomson to examine him or not. I should think he had lost three pints or two quarts of blood. It is a difficult question to answer.

This concluded the evidence for the prosecution. Mr Brough addressed the Court at considerable length for the accused, and called

Howell, who gave evidence to the effect that Lawrence endeavoured to separate Halliday and himself when struggling; and that the shovel was from ten to twenty feet away from where they were.

Robert Scott, sworn, and examined: Lawrence had no shovel in his hand. There was a shovel there, but it was some distance away. Both Halliday and Howell were bleeding profusely. Halliday was not senseless. Lawrence picked up the shovel and went away with it. This concluded the evidence.

The Bench, in giving judgment, said that so far as the charge against Howell was concerned, it had been a free fight between the parties, and dismissed the case; but in respect to the charge against Lawrence he considered that a blow with the shovel had been struck. It was a most cowardly thing to do, and they fined the defendant £10 and costs of Court, or two months' imprisonment.

SLY GROC SELLING.

Jane Wilson was charged with the above offence. A number of witnesses were examined, but as they swore they had all drunk peppermint, a conviction could not be obtained by the police.

CIVIL CASES.

Mitchinson and Harrison v. Jesse Geer.—This was an action brought by complainants against defendant to obtain possession of a building at Logantown, which he had unlawfully converted to his own use, or in default thereof to recover from him the sum of £50. Mr Brough appeared for complainants. From the evidence it appeared that plaintiffs had purchased from James Stevenson, a baker recently in business at Logantown, the building in question; and that the same building had subsequently been purchased by defendant for £12. A witness for plaintiffs swore that he had distinctly told defendant to have nothing to do with Stevenson's building, as he had sold it to the plaintiffs. Judgment for plaintiffs—defendant to give up possession of building, or pay £30.

Smitham v. Carl Nelson.—Claim for board and lodging. Judgment by default.

Colclough v. Horrigan.—This was a most legal affair, having reference to certain goods said to have been feloniously removed from plaintiff's premises. The case was adjourned or the compulsory attendance of the constable who executed the search warrant.

Connellan v. Mayor and Corporation of Cromwell.—Claim of £43, water supplied to the town of Cromwell. Mr Bailey appeared for plaintiff. There being special circumstances in the case (Mr Bailey having previously appeared for plaintiffs in a former case in connection with the same subject) Mr Brough did not object to his acting. Mr Bailey had been instructed to appear on behalf of the Corporation, but as Mr Brough objected to both agents appearing to the exclusion of himself, Mr Bailey retired. Case adjourned to allow of the Corporation securing legal assistance.

NOTES FROM THE NEVIS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Nevis, April 29th, 1870.

There is scarcely anything stirring on the Nevis of general interest. The Chinese are leaving in quest of a warmer climate, or perhaps a more payable field. Nearly all the new arrivals have left. Those who had been induced to visit the locality from reading the newspaper reports were very much disappointed in the appearance of our diggings.

A very speedy capture of a Chinese gold-manufacturer was effected last Tuesday. It appears "John" had passed off some of the spurious stuff at the Cardrona, and he was tracked to the Nevis, where, before he had had one day's rest, he was taken into custody, and then conveyed to Queenstown. Such quick work on the part of the police is very creditable to them. The trooper and Chinese interpreter, who accompanied him, were on the ranges till near midnight before they made the Nevis.

The Rev. Mr Drake has visited us again, and it is very likely we shall subscribe for the erection of a more fitting building to hold his meetings in. It would be available for all denominations, and if your town and Clyde were canvassed for subscriptions to carry out such an object, I think we might collect sufficient funds to begin and finish it before winter sets in. Perhaps the Government might be induced to subsidise any funds we might raise, and all Christians, I am sure, would assist for so desirable an object.

Mining matters are very dull. It is no use of talking of "an ounce to the dish," there are many claims that have washed more than that for one dish, but are scarcely payable when the waste, time, and expenses are taken into consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.
Sir—Will you kindly answer in your next issue the following question:—"Are the children of Queen Victoria by virtue of their birth princes and princesses of England?"—I am, &c.,
[Yes, certainly.—Ed.]

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES.

To the Editor of the CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR—At public meetings, and in the columns of the local press, it is the custom to cry out about the systematic neglect with which the Cromwell district is treated, and the way in which it is robbed, right and left, of its few privileges; but it has occurred to me that we are ourselves more to blame than those in authority: our own apathy is the real cause of many of our grievances.

It appears to be universally noted that our worthy Warden has far too much to do in the large district he has charge of, and yet we have only a fortnightly sitting of the Court in Cromwell, where I am sure there is quite sufficient business for a weekly Court. Places of far less importance than Cromwell get weekly Courts, and I do not see why we should not have one.

It is useless nagging at the authorities about a Court-house—that I suppose we will not get till the old one blows away: the comfort or convenience of the gold-fields officers is not studied. But the people should demand a better and safer place in which to keep the titles and records of the various mining claims in the district.

I might also call your attention to the miserable, leaky old buildings the police occupy. They have done good service, and it is time they were removed and better ones erected in their place. Surely the revenue derived from the district is sufficient to afford it.

In your last issue I observed a letter about the leasing of the Lower Flat. I quite agree with the writer, and think it is time some one took the matter in hand. Mr Loughnan once offered the whole of the flat extending from Bannockburn to the Lowburn, but the people did not consider it enough; and now, while the settlement of the commonage question is in abeyance, and the Corporation at loggerheads, our most valuable piece of land is being taken possession of. Now is the time to try and stop the alienation, before the fence is completed—not to complain after it is once fenced in. But what is every day's business is nobody's business. I believe it to be the Corporation's, as the only recognised body to make known our grievances to the Government, for if you go down with a petition without their support, you are scarcely recognised. But instead of them supporting us, we find that the Mayor himself has taken possession of this piece of land to make a grass paddock of it—the only piece you can depend on for feed all the year round. The loss to the district will be greater than it at first sight appears. It will not only give a monopoly to the best piece of grazing land in the district, but it will shut up the river frontage, and prevent access being gained to the place used for landing timber, consequently very materially damaging the timber trade with the Hawea and Wanaka Lakes. If Mr Loughnan's offer had been accepted, and the commonage vested in trustees, to be elected annually, this would not have happened. I believe Mr Loughnan is charging 2s per head for cattle running on the flat, and is also in the best land to be taken up by a few monopolists.

Regretting that the subject has not been taken up by an abler pen, I am, &c.,
WATCHMAN.

OUR DUNEDIN LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Dunedin April 28th, 1870.

We have had more wintery weather during the past week than we have this year experienced in Dunedin. The first three days of the week we were favoured with an undue proportion of sleet, rain, and boisterous winds in the town, and the surrounding hills have put on their winter overcoat of snow. To-day has been a clear, fine, frosty day, a decided improvement on its predecessors. I see by the home papers that the winter there has been unusually severe: from the last few days experience I should not be surprised if we had a similar one here.

The ensuing season will, I fear, be a bitter one for the people of Dunedin in more ways than one. In the commercial world I anticipate many failures. A goodly number have already headed the list, and as I heard a tradesman remark the other day, "He will be a strong man who stands next winter."

Flax reports from home are not encouraging. There are doubtless good causes for the dull state of the markets. A large quantity of the flax submitted at last sales was, I am informed, of a very inferior character—in fact, so poor as hardly to have deserved a bid at all. New Zealand flax, moreover, in my opinion, is not yet thoroughly appreciated at home. What sane man resident in the colonies, who had seen the purposes to which it is applied by the natives, could imagine for one moment that rope-making was the only manufacture to which it was adapted. But home purchasers are unaware of the real value of the fibre; they have yet to discover what its real province is, and, in the meantime, colonial flax dressers must labour under the disadvantage of unremunerative prices. Brighter days are, I believe, in store for this industry. They may be long in coming, but it is my firm impression that the time will arrive when really well got-up samples will realize higher prices than they have ever done heretofore. For some time to come, no man need hope to make large profits out of this manufacture, and, taking into consideration the depressed state of the markets, he must be possessed of great capital or great energy to enable him to keep his head above water at all.

Yesterday Mr Fox, the Premier, held a meeting in the Theatre for the purpose of enlightening the Dunedin world on the political affairs of New Zealand. He gave as his principal reason for addressing an Otago public, his desire to defend himself against the virulent attacks of the *Daily Times*. The building was crowded, there being literally no standing room. The Premier's speech was an able one, and he carried his audience with him, inasmuch that at the conclusion of the meeting, when a vote of thanks was proposed, almost every one present held up an assenting hand. Mr Fox simply explained the political con-

duct of the present Government, and the meeting was not allowed to assume an argumentative character. He was interrupted, however, with one question, which he was obliged to answer, though he did so with extremely bad grace. With regard to the recent victory of Ropiti, Kemp, and Topia over Te Kooti, Mr Fox was at some pains to demonstrate that the advantage gained by the Friendlies was by no means so insignificant as represented in the *Times*. From the tenor of his speech he led his hearers to suppose that the greater number of the 300 captives were "young men," "splendid fellows," "able for any mischief," "able-bodied, stalwart, fighting men." At this stage of his high flown description, a surly voice was heard asking "How many?" I fancied that the Premier's cheeks flushed, and his manner was rather confused, as he was constrained to admit that only 30 of the prisoners belonged to this class. I confess, however, that I have not often heard a more clear, collected, and comprehensive speech. Nevertheless, I fancy that I was not the only one of Mr Fox's hearers who entertained a higher opinion of him last night than they did this morning. Words often acquire undue influence over feelings, but this influence is seldom or never retained, unless, on calm consideration, we can discover that those words are founded on facts, and facts only.

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

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COMMITTEES.

A Printing Committee, a Committee of Reference, and a Private Petitions Committee, were severally appointed by motion.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

Mr M'Indoe moved, "That the member presenting a petition on a private grievance be ex officio a member of the Private Petitions Committee, and that it be an instruction to the said Committee that all evidence taken be signed by the deponent."

After a short debate, the motion was put, and carried on division:—Ayes, 13; noes, 11.

IMPRESS SUPPLY BILL.

The Impress Supply Bill (£10,000) was received by message, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and its second reading fixed for Thursday.

PAPERS.

A copy of the agreement made between the Superintendent and Messrs Proudfoot and Chaplin, with regard to the Port Chalmers Railway, together with correspondence on the subject of that and the Southern Trunk Railway, were laid out on the table.

The Council adjourned at 3.50 p.m. until next day, at 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

The Speaker took the chair at two o'clock, and read the usual form of prayer.

THE WAKATIP GOLD-FIELD.

Mr Haughton asked the Provincial Secretary whether the Government had it under consideration to extend the boundaries of the Wakatip Gold-field, so as to throw open for agricultural settlement, under the Leasing Regulations, the available land in the valleys of the Dart and Rouburn; and whether any pastoral licenses or leases had been granted over this portion of the district.

Mr Reid explained that it would not be necessary to extend the boundaries to include those districts. The lowest part of the Dart Valley had been leased for ten years from 1st October last. After referring to the Rouburn Valley, he remarked in regard to the Dart Valley, that if it was shown to be necessary, steps would be taken to throw it open. In the meantime, surveying was being proceeded with, and, if shown to be necessary, a block would be set aside under the regulations.

The House adjourned at half-past two o'clock until seven.

ON THE HOUSE RESUMING.

Mr James Allan moved the reply to the address of his Honor the Superintendent. He alluded to the various subjects embraced in the address; he referred particularly to the importance of the Port Chalmers Railway, and said that no doubt the Council would be pleased to learn that the Government were beginning to take a more earnest view of the subject of immigration than they had hitherto done. He believed that it was one amongst these questions so eminently calculated to secure the prosperity of the country, and he was convinced that every hon. member would act in accordance with the statements contained in the last clause of the reply to the address.

A discussion took place, in which Messrs Shephard, M'Dermid, M'Kenzie, M'Indoe, J. Shand, Hutchison, Thomson, and Reid took part.

The address was then put and carried.

IMPRESS SUPPLY BILL.

On the motion of Mr Duncan, the Impress Supply Bill was read a second time, and afterwards passed through its remaining stages.

RESERVES.

Mr Mount moved, "That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that one acre and sixteen poles, situate on the east side of the river 'Iutha, at Cromwell, be set apart as a bridge site."

The motion was carried.

Mr Reid moved, "That an address be presented to his Honor the Superintendent, recommending that sections 41 and 42, block VI., Town District, containing 21 acres, two rods, and two poles, be set apart as a reserve for an Industrial School."

The motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr Shephard, when the House is in Committee of Supply, to move, "That a sum of £500 be placed upon the estimates for the purpose of prospecting for gold the country lying between Lake Wakatip and Martin's Bay."

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BETSY'S BEAU.

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"But, please 'm, he didn't have nothing to eat," said our handmaiden deprecatingly, but with somewhat of an injured tone.

"I was not alluding to that, Elizabeth," said Mrs. Scribe severely, "but to the principle. I do not go so far as to say I will not allow followers; but if anything similar to last night's affair takes place, I shall consider that you have forfeited your situation.—Now, clear away the breakfast things."

"Anything similar to last night's affair," I said, repeating my wife's words, as soon as Elizabeth had indignantly swept the table, and then herself out of the room. "I suppose 'anything similar' means another life-guard or a grenadier?"

"Now, don't be absurd, dear," was the reply. "Of course we cannot allow such goings on."

"We?" said I.

"Well, there then, I cannot allow such goings on; and I'm sure you do not wish me to go down into my own kitchen of a night, to be startled by great scarlet men."

"You never evinced any fear of the great scarlet lady, my dear," I ventured to assert, and making what I thought a very pungent allusion towards vestments, candles, incense, and flowers, as displayed at a neighbouring church.

"How witty!" was the caustic rejoinder; when I took refuge in the morning paper, and afterwards beat a retreat cityward. By way of peace-offering, I came back in the evening bearing the "neatest thing" I could purchase in the shape of umbrellas; but it was not warmly received.

"Elizabeth has given warning this afternoon," said my wife.

"Tit for tat," I replied; "for I'm sure you gave her warnings enough this morning."

"And now I think the best thing to be done is to let her go; for the silly thing is quite infatuated with the great tall booby I found in the kitchen last night, and has done nothing but sob, and cry, and go on, ever since."

"I trust there are no briny pearls in this soup?" I said.

"Of course not," was the reply. "I made it myself."

"How weak are women," I remarked after a pause; "and yet how hard upon each other's failings! 'None but the brave deserve the fair,' says the proverb; and the fair think, in consequence, that they have only a right to the brave."

"The brave! Such stuff! Why, I believe, George, if you had your way, you would encourage the girl in her mad fit. A soldier, indeed, without a penny to help himself, let alone keep a wife!"

"But the manly beauty—the uniform!" I suggested.

"Manly nonsense!"

"And besides, it does not seem fair that the whole of the military force should be monopolised by the nursemaids, leaving only Policeman X for the cooks, and"—

"There!" exclaimed my wife; "look at that! Did you ever see such audacity?"

Turning immediately, I could not refrain from a smile, for plainly shown upon the window-blind by the street lamp was the shadow of a huge life-guardsmen, his well-padded chest, fierce moustache, and elegantly-balanced forage-cap being displayed to great advantage.

"That's the same man!" exclaimed my wife; "and now, if you watch, you will see him pass the window and go down the area."

"The soles are getting cold, my love," I said; "and I should infinitely prefer a portion, to turning myself into a vidette to watch the movements of the enemy. Now, if your respected mamma had happened to be here!"

"Now, don't be ungenerous. I'm sure mamma never suggested anything that was not for your good, George."

"Perhaps not, my love," I said; "but it is not always agreeable to take physic, however beneficial it may prove.—Thanks! Now I'll trouble you for the anchovy. No potatoes, thank you.—Shall I ring for the other things? Slow-moving Betsy will not have them up before we have done with the fish."

"If you please," was the very polite reply, and turning my head, I found that the shadow picture upon the blind had disappeared.

"Of course it has," said my wife, who had divined my thought. "And he is now down in the kitchen, feasting upon the tit-bits supplied to him by that disgraceful creature."

"Let's ring and startle them, then," said I; and leaving my chair, I gave a lusty peal at the bell.

In the course of a minute or two up came Elizabeth, very smart, and very ruddy of cheek—due, no doubt, to the cooking—and began to change the dishes.

"Did I hear some one down-stairs, Elizabeth?" said my diplomatic wife.

"Down-stairs, mum? No, mum; not since the milk came."

"Oh, that was at four o'clock," said my wife; "I mean just now."

"No, mum, not as I've heard; the bell hasn't been touched for a good hour."

"Oh!" said my wife, and then all was silent, while the soup and fish were removed, and the partridges Smyth sent us were placed upon the table, and the maid disappeared.

"Pity she admires or rather has her destiny ruled by Mars, for she is a capital cook," I said, going on with the carving. "Daresay she reads Zerkel."

"Of course," said my wife; "and *Bow Bells*, and the *London Journal*, and *Family Herald*, and all sorts of stuff."

"And the *Moonstone*, and *Birds of Prey*, I suppose, too," I observed; "but perhaps she does not favour Mudie."

"If you wish to send me up to my bedroom in tears, George, pray say so. I'm sure that I don't know what I have done that"—sob—"that"—sob—"pocket-handkerchief, and one tear right in the bread-sauce."

But the next moment, plainly heard, there was the buzz, buzz, of a manly voice, a giggle, a squeal, and the scraping of a chair—all plainly heard to proceed from the kitchen—coming up, as it were, through the floor: for the houses in New Park Crescent are very slightly built—so slightly, indeed, that we have never started a piano of our own, in consequence of the abundance of musical sounds proceeding from Nos. 4 and 6, right and left of us.

"A deceitful creature!" exclaimed my wife, no longer tearful; "and did she not declare to my face, ten minutes ago, that there was no one down-stairs?—Ring the bell, George."

"Not till I have finished my dinner in peace, my love," I said firmly, "even if there were the Turkish Contingent down-stairs. After dinner, I'm at your service; but if I am to engage Shaw the life-guardsmen, I must have another glass or two of sherry first.—Who the deuce can that be?" I exclaimed, for a cab stopped at the gate, and there was a loud ring at the front bell.

Then came the soft patter of poor Elizabeth's feet, the opening of the front door, a sharp altercation as if a cabman were dissatisfied with his fare, and then my wife started from her chair, exclaiming "Why, it's mamma!"

"The devil!"

"George!" I exclaimed my wife; and the next moment the door opened: there was embracing; and I had to leave the choicest, brownest tit-bit of partridge on my plate, to be kissed and called "my dear boy."

"No," she would not have the soup up—mamma would not. She was so sorry, but the train was late, or she would have been with us in time to sit down to dinner.—There was a sole left, was there? Then she would have that; it could not be so very cold.

"Bring the fish back, Elizabeth," said my wife; and it was evident that for the present Mars was out of her head.

A few minutes elapsed, during which "dear mamma" had a glass of sherry, and then Elizabeth came back, holding in her hand the head of a sole; the one I was ready to swear I had left on my plate, for I knew it by its gouged-out eye.

"Oh, 'm, if you please, 'm?" exclaimed Elizabeth.

"Well, Elizabeth?" said my wife.

"That there cat, 'm, while I was up answering the door. There was nothing left but this here head, mum, as I was just in time to see it jump off the table on to the floor."

"You careless creature," cried my wife, "to leave it like that. There, bring a hot plate.—Have a little partridge, mamma dear!"

Directly afterwards, I saw some one's face change, and a very suspicious look was directed at the handmaid, but that young lady evidently saw nothing; and the meal passed off in a most satisfactory manner—that is to say, as far as appearances went; for I knew that I did not have anything like my share of the birds.

At last I was left alone to have my one glass or two of sherry, and the ladies ascended, as I supposed, to the drawing-room; while, under the idea that the new arrival would render her secure from interruption, the fair Elizabeth descended to the nether regions.

"Now, I wonder whether that gentleman is below stairs?" I thought; and then, somehow, my ideas were shunted off at express rate, till I was roused by hearing the front door open.

"Who in the world is that going out?" I thought, and then I listened for the closing, but in vain; while, directly after, a strange, ghostly shadow passed the window, which shade I made out to be that of my respected mother-in-law, with a mantle over her head.

"Why, she's going down to the kitchen," I muttered; and leaving my seat, I opened the door just in time to see my wife in the passage.

"Oh, I see!" I exclaimed, softly; "going to attack the enemy front and rear. Elaborate tactics, I must say."

"You need not trouble yourself, sir, unless you please," was the reply. "I daresay mamma and I can discomfit the enemy, as you term him, without your help."

"But are you sure there is any one below?" I asked.

"Oh dear no, sir; only that there is a cat there with a strong love for fried soles!"

"There, come along," I said, for there was no help for it; and if there is anything I dislike, it is meddling with servants and their belongings.

But we had not half descended the kitchen stairs, before we heard loud voices in altercation.

"That 'm sure there ain't, mum, if it's the last words I had to utter, mum, there ain't; and if missus was here!"

"Your mistress is here, Elizabeth?" said my wife, now entering the kitchen, with the writer following, feeling rather small, and taking in the coup d'oeil of Mrs. Scribe's mamma standing at the area door, and Betsy keeping guard over that leading into the back kitchen.

"Take that candle and look in the coal-cellar, George," said my mother-in-law. "I'm certain I heard some man's voice down-stairs."

"It must have been next door, sir," said Betsy, appealing to me.

"Walls are thin!" I suggested, feeling disposed to draw off the forces, and to give the unfortunate enemy, if one there were, an opportunity to retreat.

"S true as goodness, mum, there's no one here," said Betsy.

"Oh, you bad abandoned hussy!" said Mrs. Scribe's mamma, shaking her head at the maid.—"Why don't you look in the coal-cellar, George?"

I felt disposed to swear at the coal-cellar, but Mrs. Scribe just then whispering "Must I go?" I went to make the pleasant discovery that there was not above one sack left out of the last two tons: but Mars was not there, neither was he in the dust-bin; and coming back out of the area, I found our dear mamma peering in the kitchen cupboard, and apparently about next to open the drawers of the dresser.

(To be continued in our next.)

Parliamentary Reporting.

The *Australasian* says:—We are told that in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales the fun does not begin until 11 o'clock p.m. But then it is worth waiting for. The faces of the reporters grow brighter, the points of their pencils sharper, their fingers nimbler, their ears more acute, and their eyes more watchful, as the hour of midnight approaches. Up to that time, reporting is dreary work, almost as wearisome as sitting out a five-act tragedy of the old school, or listening to a temperance speech from Mr. Vale. But towards the short hours the gentlemen of the press prepare to enjoy themselves. The members who have been boring them for six or seven hours now begin to entertain them, and, while so doing, prove how much of the *vis comica* may lie concealed beneath the hat and waistcoat of the member of Parliament. Here is a sample of the humorous powers of a Mr. Ryan. "On the evening of the 23rd ult., the subject under discussion," says a clever contributor to the *Herald*, "was a vote proposed for a gratuity to an unfortunate woman whose husband (a Government boatman) had been drowned, in the execution of his duty. Of course the vote was opposed by the economists, and then Mr. Ryan came down upon them in his wrath, wondering at them first, and then pitying them afterwards, for not having the heart that can feel for another. 'A few years ago,' said he, 'I had something of the same sort of thing happen to me.' There was an outburst of amusement at the idea of Mr. Ryan having been either drowned or left a widow, and several voices asked him in which of these two respects he had suffered. The hon. gentleman joined in the laughter, took no heed of the questions, and continued—'I had a valuable servant of mine drowned—and a very good man he was—and left a wife behind him.' This statement again excited the risible muscles of the hon. gentlemen, not so much by the picture presented by the hon. gentleman's words, as by the manner in which the words were delivered. 'Luckily,' Mr. Ryan went on, 'she was a young woman.' Here again there was a general roar, at which Mr. Ryan was at first astonished, but in which he subsequently joined. 'Now I had to keep her for three years; and the hon. member said this as if he thought it a good joke, and hon. members thought with him, for the laughter was louder than ever. 'However,' said Mr. Ryan, 'she was a good-looking young woman.' Here again he was stopped by the laughter he elicited. 'She was a good-looking young woman, and one day a young chap came by, and took her off my hands. There was no family in the road, and the young fellow married her, and I got rid of her.' Not more than half-a-dozen words of the last passage were said at once, for the amusement of hon. members was so great that Mr. Ryan was repeatedly interrupted, and when he had finished, he was greeted with a general cheer appreciative of the telling character of his argument." We wonder whether our friends in New South Wales would be willing to "make a swap" for Mr. Ryan. We should not mind offering in exchange, the two Smiths, Mr. Vale, and half-a-dozen old hats the New Welshmen might select.

Watercress v. Tobacco.

The value of watercress as a substitute for tobacco has been extensively asserted in the press of this colony, and therefore we feel no hesitation in reprinting the following letter which appeared a few days since in a *Grey-mouth* paper. The writer, "An old Smoker," says:—"I heard some days ago that watercress, after drying in the sun for two days, was a perfect substitute for tobacco, without its possessing the deleterious and deadly poison of the latter; and further that it had all the flavor of the best Cavendish. So, sir, having for some months past expended weekly the sum of two shillings on my friend and fellow-townsmen Mr. Hunter in tobacco, I resolved to sacrifice all personal feeling in the matter as regarded him, and to procure a substitute that did not possess 'deadly and deleterious poison.' Having procured a quantity of very excellent watercress, I possessed myself of a tea-tray, much to the annoyance of my better-half (who afterwards told me that I must be a fool to believe all that was said in newspapers), and upon this tray I carefully strewed the watercress, and allowed the same to be exposed to the sun for two days, carefully placing it under cover at night. On the third morning, I found the cress leaves quite dry and curled up, being delicately tinged with the exquisite brown so well known to all lovers of 'Honeydew.' 'Now, Mr. Hunter,' said I to myself, 'don't expect to have any more of my custom, nor indeed the custom of anyone else, when I make the success of my experiment known to all and sundry. No more of your 'pure leaf of Virginia.' Away with the twist that cometh of Barrett. Down with your 'Golden Eagle,' your 'Abram's Bosom,' and all your other brands. I am sorry for you, Hunter, but I am not going to spend any more two shillings a week.' Then I made my dry cress into a bunch. With my knife I cut as much as would fill my pipe, and with my two palms I rubbed it up fine. Then I filled the bowl, struck a lucifer, applied the light, took a long whiff, and—Oh, ye gods! Nothing more horrible was ever inhaled into the human month, or exhaled more hastily. Smoking asafetida, I am quite certain, would be fragrantly delicious in comparison. Nevertheless I was courageous and persevering, and I took in all about a dozen draws. Then my tongue and throat became dry and parched—I felt dizzy in the head, and had a horrid taste in my mouth. I never felt more disgusted with myself. I rinsed my mouth out with water, but the taste was not to be removed by so simple an application. I added brandy, but though it was a trifle more efficacious, it did not perform a cure. I had the same strong inclination the young lady expressed in her song to 'Lay me down and dee.' In about three hours, nature resumed its sway, and my palate returned to its natural state. I write this, my experience, that other people may not be deluded into believing all the fine substitutes, antidotes, cures, recipes, and remedies, for all sorts of ailments, which find admission into the columns of newspapers. I enclose a sample of the watercress tobacco, which you are at liberty to make a trial of on your own account. May your feelings in making the experiment differ considerably from mine."

Horrible Murder of a Father.

A man named Belliere, aged 33, has just been tried at Beauvais (Oise), for parricide at St. Germain-la-Poterie. The accused, who was of a most vicious and depraved character, entered the army at 18, but three months later was condemned to six months' imprisonment for misconduct, and subsequently to five years in irons for mutiny, and finally, in 1857, death for striking an officer. His punishment was, however, commuted to fifteen years' imprisonment, and in 1865 the remainder of his sentence was remitted. He had scarcely returned to civil life when he was sentenced to thirteen months' confinement for acts of violence, and to an additional term of two years for flinging a bronze candlestick at the judge's head in the court-house. On his release he led an idle and dissipated life, making himself a terror to his family and to the entire neighbourhood. Being at length driven from home, he resolved, in revenge, to murder his parents, and then to set fire to the house, so as to burn the bodies. On the night of the 24th October last he piled a quantity of fagots against the thatched cottage; the father on hearing a noise came to the door, and the son stabbed him to death, then trampled on the body, dragged it away by the feet, and threw it behind a hedge. The wife of the murdered man, however, succeeded in escaping. He was shortly after arrested, and acknowledged his guilt with revolting cynicism, expressing regret that he had not succeeded in killing his mother also, as she would now be able to live in peace. Being condemned to death, he was led away from the dock without manifesting the slightest emotion.

A conference of British Mormons, at which fifteen elders from Salt Lake City, and presidents of various Mormon societies in existence in England, attended, was held at Birmingham in January. It was announced that the British Isles now contained 10,000 followers of Brigham Young.

Provincial and General.

At a late meeting of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society it was stated that the General Government had placed £250 in the hands of Mr. Grey, the inspector in charge of the San Francisco mails, for introducing birds, plants, and animals from California.

Chamberlain, the man who was convicted in 1867 of having been guilty of perjury in giving evidence in favour of Burgess and gang at the time of the camp robbery on the West Coast, and sentenced to four years' imprisonment, has been charged with repeated contravention of the gaol regulations at Hokitika, and the charge having been proved, he was sentenced to receive thirty lashes with the cat-o'-ninetails.

The mining prospects of Westland, after a season of unparalleled depression throughout the county, have at length commenced to improve. We (*Evening Star*) hear the most favorable accounts from the older established districts; and the later rushes are, as a rule, turning out very well. In addition to this, news occasionally reaches us of payable gold being discovered in entirely new ground—on the beaches and in the rivers of the far south, and in the new country in the districts of Lake Kanieri and Lake Brunner.

A telegram in a contemporary states that another serious fire broke out at four a.m. on Tuesday last in Boundary-street, Grey-mouth. The following buildings were totally destroyed:—The *Grey River Argus* printing office; Reay's (merchant tailor); M'Naughton's; Kittely's boot and shoe warehouse; Winsch's furniture warehouse; and Levin's and the Boundary hotels. The damage is estimated at upwards of £4000, not a shilling of which is covered by insurance.

The writer of "Town Talk," in the *Wanganui Chronicle*, contributes the following amusing paragraph:—"By the way, while speaking of officials, I am reminded of a good story of a gentleman holding very high office in the neighboring province of Taranaki. He was travelling herabouts not very long ago, and had occasion to take his ease for a short time at an inn at Turakina. He is temperate—all officials who are indulging in expectations are very temperate at present,—and he called for a draught of pure water, and a very small quantity of bread and cheese. Mine host supplied the wants of the traveller, who by-and-by sought his bill. He was told that a snack of that kind was not charged. "But I prefer paying," said the great man. "Oh, very well. What you please," was the rejoinder. Whereupon the high official took three pennies from his pocket, and laid them down upon the table. "That," said the landlord, with a sly twinkle in the eye, which, however, was lost upon the traveller, "that is too much. Allow me to return you one of the pennies." The superfluous copper was graciously received back again, and the gentleman went on his way, in the full consciousness of an overflowing liberality."

In our last issue we had a paragraph announcing the death of Mr. Lawrence Lazard through intense excitement, caused by an adverse judgment in the Auckland Police Court. We take the following particulars of the melancholy occurrence from the *Auckland Herald*:—"In the death of Mr. Lawrence Lazard on Saturday evening, it is our painful duty to record one of the most melancholy instances of the uncertainty of life that has ever occurred in this city. Mr. Lazard had been charged by the Customs authorities with a breach of the 'Customs Regulations Act Amendment Act, 1868,' in that he had caused to be entered certain casks as containing earthenware, paying threepence per cubic foot for Customs duty, which casks were alleged by the Customs officers to contain Parian ware and glassware, thereby being liable to a duty of one shilling per cubic foot. There were eight charges, one of which has been the subject of investigation before the Resident Magistrate during Friday and Saturday last. After a careful trial the Resident Magistrate was constrained by the peculiar stringency of the Customs Act to find for the Customs authorities. The penalty, as laid down by statute, is a fine of £100, or six months' imprisonment; and, as interpreted, without appeal. Preliminary steps were taken by the counsel for the defence for removing the trial of the remaining charges to the Supreme Court; and the Court rose at about four o'clock. Mr. Lazard elected to go to prison in preference to paying the fine, although members of some of the first firms in the city came forward with cheques for the amount. His committal had been made out, and he was waiting for the officers at the rear of the Court House. He was observed to have become greatly dejected—even weeping,—and was being cheered up by a friend, when he complained of feeling ill. He was helped out into the corridor for fresh air, and laid down, when in a few moments, and without the least struggle, he breathed his last. Dr. Nicholson was immediately in attendance, but at once pronounced him beyond the aid of earthly power. The sad intelligence spread rapidly through the city, and great numbers of business men came to look on the remains of one who had so recently been in their midst; and the scene in the corridor of the Courthouse, when strong men wept, was exciting to the extreme."

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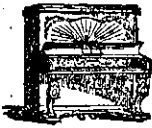
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